



HCBS – Physical Disability Eligibility Assessor Policy

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PURPOSE OF ELIGIBILITY ASSESSOR POLICY

- ▶ To allow contracted assessor to:
 - Manage referral/intake
 - Conduct necessary pre-screening for reasonable indicators prior to Level of Care (LOC) assessment

ELIGIBILITY ASSESSOR POLICY

- ▶ Eligibility Assessor Responsibilities:
 - Conduct screening for reasonable indicators of program eligibility (physical disability)
 - Choice counseling of Managed Care Organizations (MCO)
 - Disseminate program information/documentation
 - Facilitate referral to KDADS for crisis exception request consistent with Crisis Exception Request policy, current and revised (8/1/2015)
 - Assist eligible participants in accessing Medicaid application
 - Discuss alternative community resources to waiver

SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ **Must be determined Physically Disabled by Social Security Administration (SSA) standards:**
- ▶ ***Must NOT meet definition of having Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD)**
- ▶ ***Must NOT have ONLY diagnosis of:**
 - Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI)
 - Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED)
- ▶ **If participant has SPMI, must also have a physical disability by SSA standards.**
- ▶ **If age 65 or older:**
 - If receiving annual assessment participant will have the choice to remain on Physical Disability program or transition to the Frail Elderly (FE) program
 - If conducting screening for initial assessment, proper referral must be made to have an assessment completed for the HCBS–FE program.

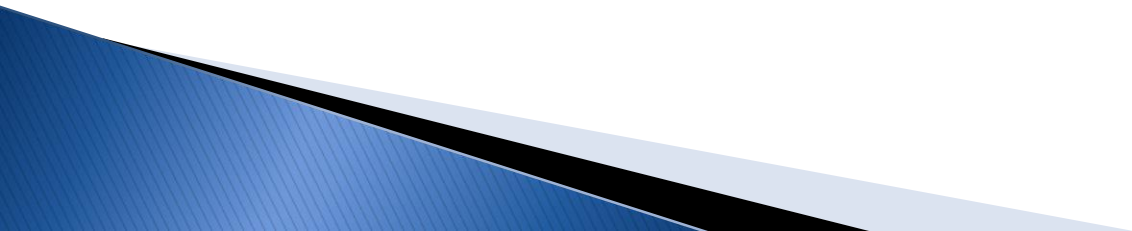
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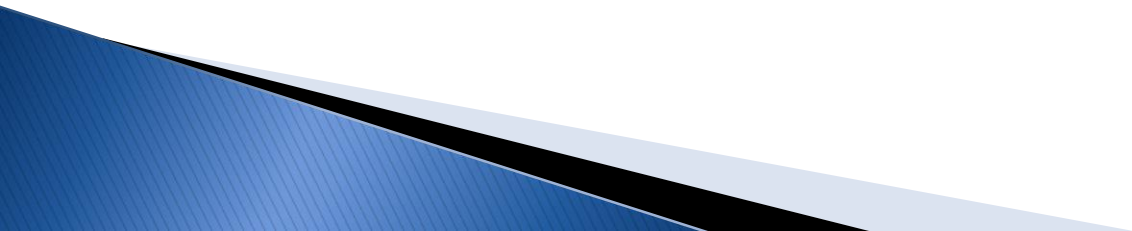
ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

- ▶ Reasonable indicator screening for physical disability by SSA standards:
 - Individuals must be determined disabled under the definition as defined in section 1614(a)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act. Physical disability is defined as a medically determinable impairment or combination of impairments that significantly limit physical functions* similar to those required in a basic work setting such as walking, standing, sitting, lifting, pushing, pulling, reaching, carrying, or handling. Your physical disability must result primarily from an anatomical or physiological abnormality that is consistent with acceptable medical evidence in the form of clinical/laboratory findings and physical examinations including documentation of symptoms. A diagnosis alone is not sufficient. 20 CFR 404.1508; 404.1520(c); 404.1521(b)(1); 404.1525(d); 404.1528.
- ▶ 16 – 64 years of age
- ▶ Kansas Resident

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION (continued)

- ▶ Requires assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
- ▶ Meets LOC eligibility required for Nursing Facility placement required by Medicaid Long Term Care (LTC) threshold
- ▶ If under 21, must have a current EPSDT screening





QUESTIONS?

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- ▶ QUESTIONS?